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Title: **Repeal the Open Pit Mining Bill – AB 1/SB 1**

The Problem:

The recently passed legislation <sup>62</sup> ~~include provisions that~~ limit public input and assume environmental damage with the following provisions-

- Gives state environmental officials up to 480 days to make a permitting decision; right now the process is open-ended.
- Bars public challenges during the process, allowing them only **after** the decision has been made.
- Creates a presumption that damage to wetlands is necessary and limits permit application fees to \$2 million.
- Splits tax revenue on iron mining companies' revenue between local governments and the state -- right now all mining taxes go to the locals -- and
- Exempts companies from paying the state's \$7 per ton recycling fee on waste rock.

Source: Associated Press Wisconsin: Walker signs Republicans' contentious mining bill  
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**WHEREAS more than 20 perennial streams flow through the proposed mining area**

**WHEREAS taconite mining on Michigan's upper peninsula and in Minnesota has caused environmental damage that has destroyed wild rice beds**

Source: Louis Weisberg, Mining Bill Prompts Battle to Save the 'Greatest' Lake, Wisconsin Gazette. Feb. 7, 2013)

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Milwaukee <sup>Congress</sup> County on April 8, 2013, **recommends that the DNR take action to correct this situation by working with the legislature to repeal the Open Pit Mining Bill.** <sup>DE</sup>

Rowen, James. On mining bill - - a Walker preview, Journal Sentinel review March 10, 2013

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